(b) Does not arise.

(c) There is no such proposal.

Standard time for different regions

1007. SHRI C. PERUMAL: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether in many countries there is a different standard time for each region of the same country;

(b) if so, whether any need has been felt to set a different standard time for different regions in our country considering the geographical and climatic conditions;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI KAPIL SIBAL): (a) Yes, Sir. Large countries like USA having very large east-west extent have different standard times for different regions.

(b) No Sir. Considering the fact that India is located between 68.7" E to 97° 25' E and 8° 4' N 37° 6' N, the Indian Standard time (IST) has been chosen with reference to a central station located at 82° 30' longitude east and 23° 11' latitude North. Since the expanse of the Indian State is not large, no need has been felt for different time zones. Climatic conditions do not determine standard time variations.

(c) and (d) In view of (b), do not arise.

Proposal of Department of Biotechnology on DNA profile

1008. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have approved the proposals sent by the Department of Biotechnology on the DNA profiles;

(b) if so, whether the experts on the DNA Profile Advisory Body has been entrusted with the job of formulating guidelines on DNA profiling; and